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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : PLOS UPCOMING

SUBJECT : LOS: LOS CONFERENCE SESSION--UAE POSITION

REF: (A) STATE 54588 (B) MUSCAT 265

1. AMBASSADOR SAW SAIF GHOBASH, UAE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MARCH 11 TO STRESS IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION. AMBASSADOR MADE GENERAL POINTS PARAS 1-4 REFTEL, BUT SINCE GHOBASH ON THIS OCCASION PRESSED FOR TIME, DETAILED REVIEW OF STATUS OF VARIOUS ISSUES AND U.S. VIEWS THEREON WAS DEFERRED UNTIL LATER MEETING.

2. GHOBASH SAID FONMIN WOULD NOT BE SENDING ITS LEGAL ADVISER TAHER TO NEW YORK SESSION BUT THAT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE EXPERT, MUHAMMAD AWAD (EGYPTIAN), WHOV GHOBASH DESCRIBED AS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, WOULD BE GOING. UAE UN PERMREP HUMAIDAN WILL SERVE AS HEAD OF UAE DELEGATION.

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3. RE UAEG POSITION ON LOS ISSUES, GHOBASH SAID THAT

GOVERNMENT GENERALLY HAD NOT LOCKED ITSELF IN ON MOST POINTS. HE NOTED SPECIFICALLY THAT UAEG HAD NOT RPT NOT AS YET SUCCUMED TO OMANI ARGUMENTS (MUSCAT REFTTEL) IN FAVOR OF INNOCENT (AS DISTINCT FROM FREE) PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS. GHOBASH STATED THAT UAE DELEGATION WOULD BE MEETING WITH ARAB CAUCUS AND THAT ITS POSITIONS WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THOSE DISCUSSIONS. ON OTHER HAND, GHOBASH SAID THAT MINISTRY WOULD WELCOME MORE DETAILED REVIEW WITH EMBASSY OF LOS ISSUES AND IF EMBASSY WISHED OFFER WRITTEN PRESENTATION, MINISTRY WOULD FORWARD SAME (PRESUMABLY WITH COMMENT) TO UAE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. LIKEWISE IF AT ANY POINT DURING LOS CONFERENCE SPECIFIC ISSUES AROSE WHICH WE FELT TO BE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, GHOBASH STATED HE WOULD ALWAYS BE OPEN TO DISCUSSION, WITH EVER PRESENT OPTION OF CONVEYING INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEPHONE TO DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.

4. COMMENT/ACTION REQUESTED: (A) EMBASSY PLANS ACCEPT GHOBASH INVITATION TO PRESENT BRIEF PAPER DRAWN PRIMARILY OF REF A SUMMARIZING USG VIEWS OF WHAT APPEAR TO BE KEY ISSUES BEFORE CONFERENCE. IF DEPT HAS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ GUIDANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT, THIS WOULD, OF COURSE BE WELCOMED. (B) SUGGEST U.S. DELEGATION MAKE EARLY EFFORT CONTACT AMB HUMAIDAN OR ADVISER AWAD AND REVIEW GROUND AS PER REF A. WITH UAE DELEGATION APPARENTLY LARGELY UNINSTRUCTED, BOTH INITIAL REVIEW AND ONGOING CONTACTS CLEARLY IMPORTANT. (C) IN EVENT OF CRITICAL ISSUE AND/OR UAE OPPOSITION ON MATTER OF IMPORTANCE, USDEL REQUESTED GIVE EMBASSY FULLEST DETAILS WITH AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL THEN BE IN POSITION TAKE UP GHOBASH'S INVITATION TO WEIGH IN HERE. PEALE

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